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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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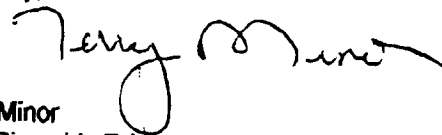
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The settlement is fair and needs to be accepted. Microsoft is a great company that turns out great products and they should not be punished for it.

The whole issue arose out of jealousy. Other companies could not compete with Microsoft products, not because Microsoft was keeping them from competing but because Microsoft products were so much better. Because of the weakness of Microsoft's competitors Microsoft has had to accept a settlement that goes to far. In the settlement Microsoft has agreed to disclose, to their competitors, various interfaces that are internal to Window's operating system products. Essentially Microsoft has agreed to give up part of their system so other companies can catch up, and people are still saying that Microsoft has gotten off easy.

This issue needs to be put to rest. Microsoft is a great company with great products and is being punished for it. The settlement needs to be accepted and Microsoft needs to be allowed to move forward. In order to move forward this issue needs to be put in the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



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